The City of York Pennsylvania

Honorable Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor



Solicitor's Office

101 South George Street
York, PA 17401
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Dear Requester:

On August 29, 2019, under Pennsylvania's Right to Know Act, you requested:

"Any and all contracts (as well as all associated amendments, exhibits, and materials), memorandums of understanding, and other equivalent agreements entered into by this agency with Geofeedia LLC AND any other social media surveillance software or equipment company or any company through which this agency accesses social media platforms. Responsive materials should include but not be limited to:

- the initial Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposal, or equivalent call for contractors
- the responsive materials provided by the winning bidder
- other bidder responses
- the current contract
- all exhibits
- all amendments
- all performance work statements
- all deliverables inventories
- all invoices related to the deliverance of software, services, or goods

Please also include:

• all policies related to the acquisition and use of social media use and surveillance by individual officers and representatives of this agency." Attached is the Social Media policy of York City Police Department.

The York City Police Department has no responsive information or materials related to Geofeedia LLC or any other social media surveillance software or equipment company. The request is partially denied in accordance with 65 P.S. §67.705 "Creation of Record. When responding to a request for access, an agency shall not be required to create a record which does not currently exist or to compile, maintain, format or organize a record in a manner in which the agency does not currently compile, maintain, format or organize the record."

You have a right to appeal this partial denial of information. Write to Erik Arneson, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of this response per Section 1101 of the Act. Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Al Siebert

Right to Know Officer, City of York

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CITY OF YORK, PENNSYLVANIA POLICE DEPARTMENT	T YPE General	EFFECTIVE DATE 9/26/13 REVISION DATE 4/8/19	NUMBER 1.8
SUBJECT Rules of Conduct	DISTRIBUTION All Police Personnel; City Solicitor, Mayor, Business Administrator		
REFERENCE PLEAC Standard1.8.1,1.8.2,1.8.3	BY ORDER OF: Chief Troy M. Bankert		
ENCLOSURE	RE-EVALUATION As Needed	RE-EVALUATION DATE As Needed	

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A. <u>Definition:</u> Social media is the use of web-based and mobile technologies to turn communication into interactive dialogue. Social media include personal web pages, blogs, MySpace, Facebook, YouTube, and other similar media.

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- B. Employees are expressly <u>discouraged</u> from using social media because of the potential linking of private and personal expressions to the official policies of the department, and official duties of a police officer.
- C. Employees have the right to use social media, as long as, the content of the postings are not in violation of existing departmental policies or directives.
- D. Employees shall not use York City Police patches, badges, insignia, equipment, uniforms, vehicles, letterhead, or other similar items associated with the department in their social media, without permission from the Chief of Police.
- E. The department will provide annual training on this policy.
- F. Violation of this section shall be a 2nd level violation.